

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022*

**Statement on the 10th Anniversary of the Shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut**  
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Ten years ago today, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, our Nation watched as the unthinkable happened. Twenty young children with their whole lives ahead of them. Six educators who gave their lives protecting their students. And countless survivors who still carry the wounds of that day.

We should have societal guilt for taking too long to deal with this problem. We have a moral obligation to pass and enforce laws that can prevent these things from happening again. We owe it to the courageous, young survivors and to the families who lost part of their soul 10 years ago to turn their pain into purpose.

A few months ago, I signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act into law. We've reined in so-called ghost guns, which have no serial numbers and are harder to trace. We've cracked down on gun trafficking and increased resources for violence prevention.

Still, we must do more. I am determined to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines like those used at Sandy Hook and countless other mass shootings in America. Enough is enough. Our obligation is clear. We must eliminate these weapons that have no purpose other than to kill people in large numbers. It is within our power to do this—for the sake of not only the lives of the innocents lost, but for the survivors who still hope.

Jill and I are praying today for the Sandy Hook families and the innocent lives lost that day.

May God bless them all.

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